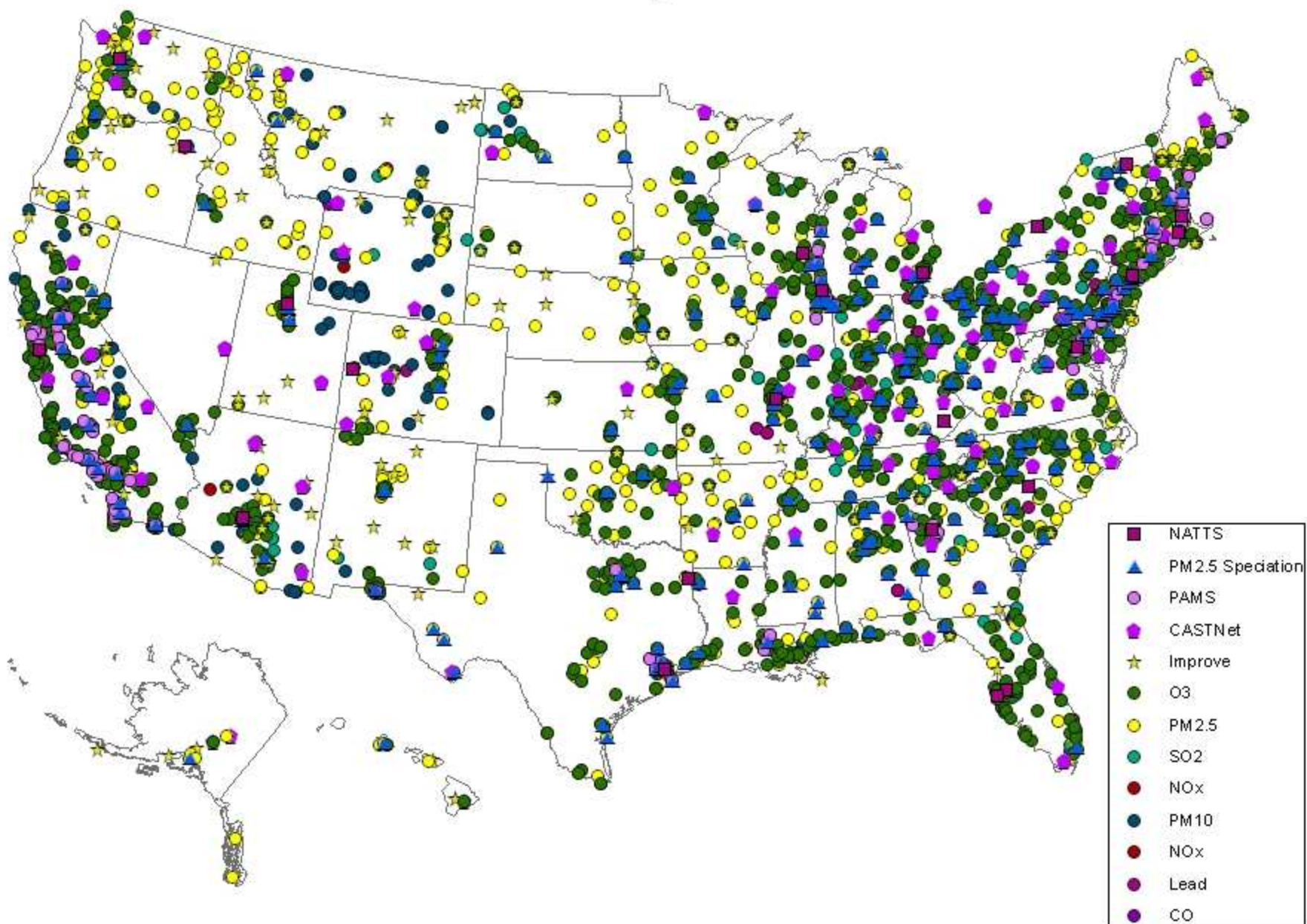


We do quite a bit of surface level ambient air
monitoring

NO₂ and satellites

Ambient Air Monitoring Stations in the US



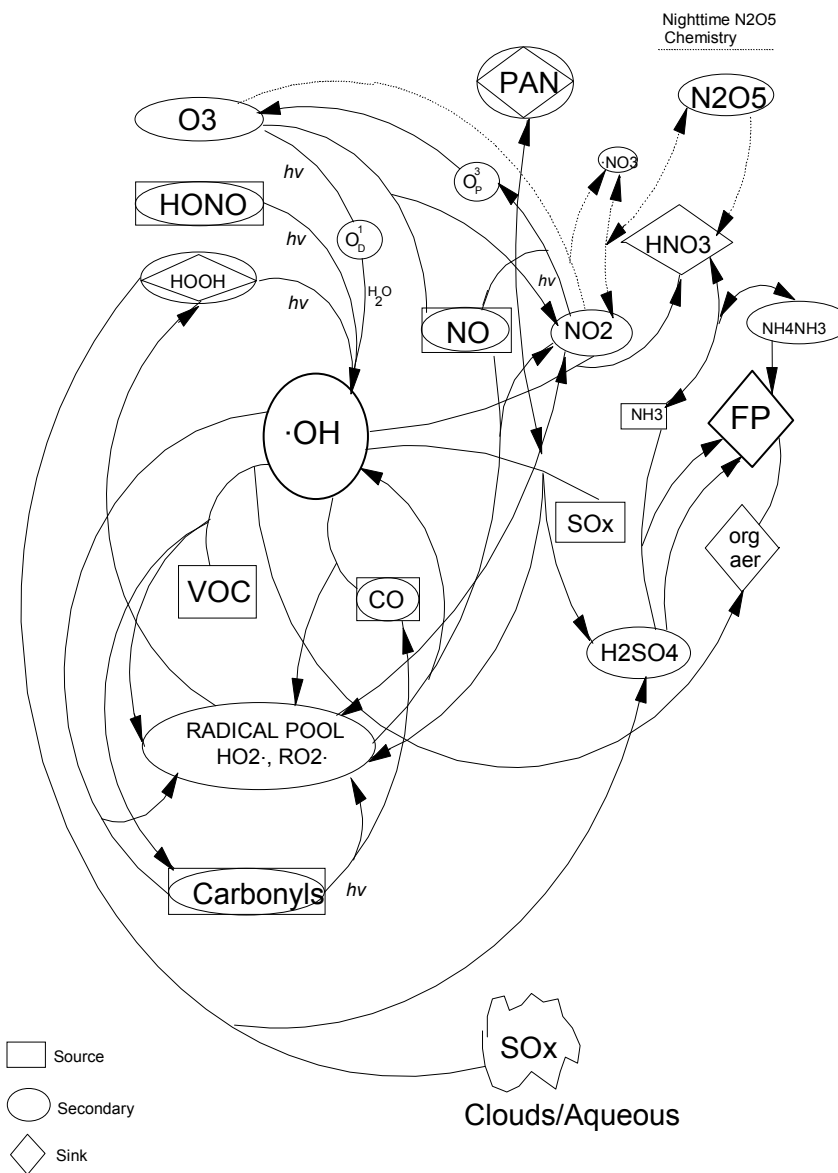
We do quite a bit of surface level monitoring

But we don't measure NO₂ accurately

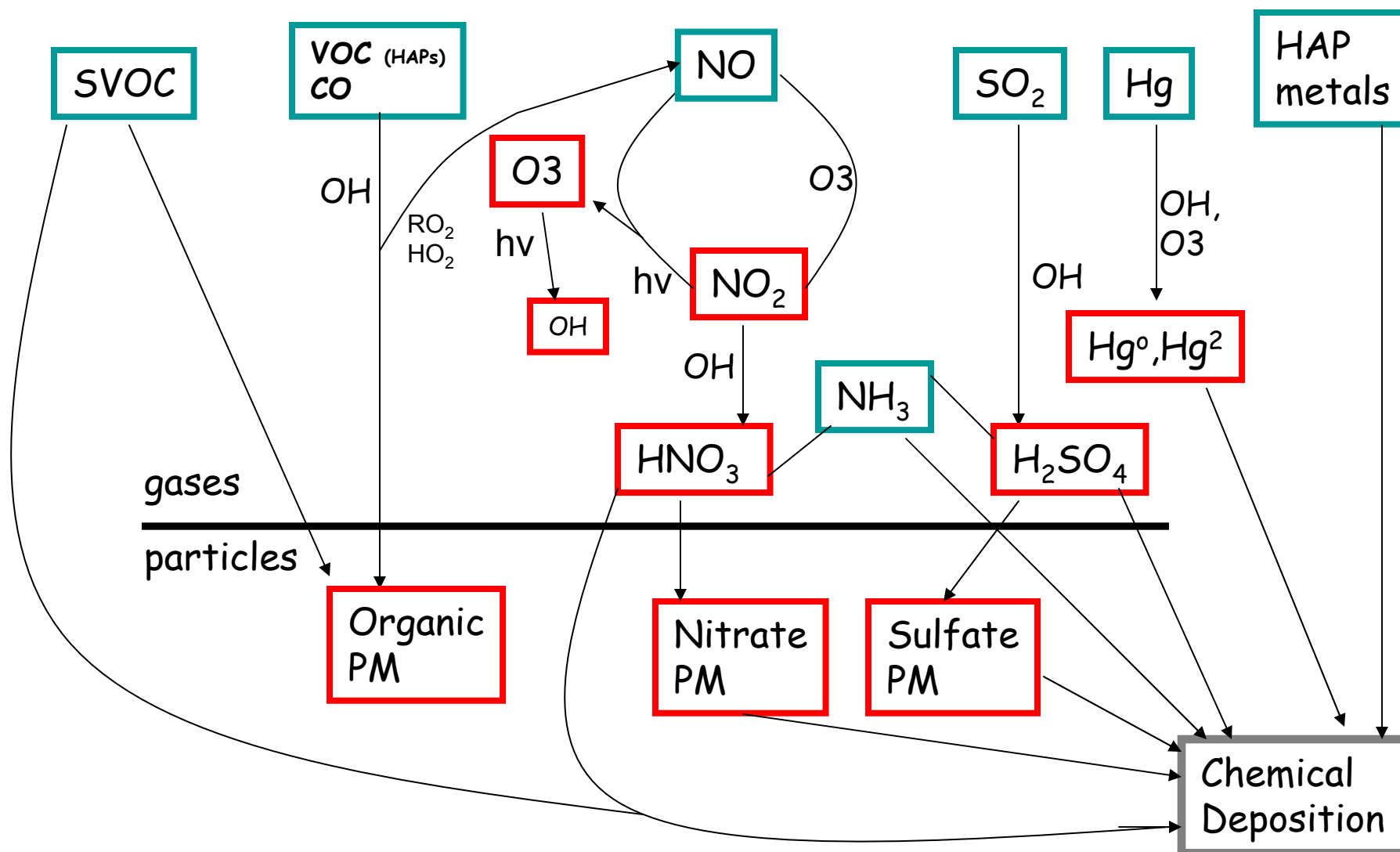
- Routine network NO₂ is determined by chemiluminescence techniques and subject to interference from oxidized N species (e.g., PAN, nitric acid) creating a variable positive bias in reported NO₂.
 - Demerjian, K.L., 2000; Dunlea et al, 2007
- Alternative techniques TILDAS and DOAS are deployed in special field campaigns; a reliable routine true NO₂ monitor is under development
- Consequently, satellites provide some of our best “pattern” information on NO₂
- Unfortunately, limited ground based ground truthing capability for satellites

Why do we care about NO₂

- Key diagnostic of basic atmospheric chemistry processes
- The focus of national and regional U.S. emissions reduction strategies late 1990's through 2020
 - NO_x SIP CALL
 - CAIR
 - Mobile source rules
- Role in N mass balances important for deposition and ecosystem assessments
 - E.g., Current NO_x/Sox secondary standard review



Primary Sources



Practical applications of satellite NO₂

- Emission Inventory Improvement
 - Constraining emissions, especially in regions with poorly characterized inventories
 - e.g., India, Asia
 - Lightning and soil NO_x
- Air quality Model Evaluation
 - Constraining total column NO₂
- Accountability -Tracking progress of emission reductions/trends
- Boundary value development and evaluation (global models)
 - Conceptual views of N transport
 - Critical to O₃ planning, especially with reduced standards
- Surface complements
 - Potential gap filling
- Examples:

Accountability and Trends

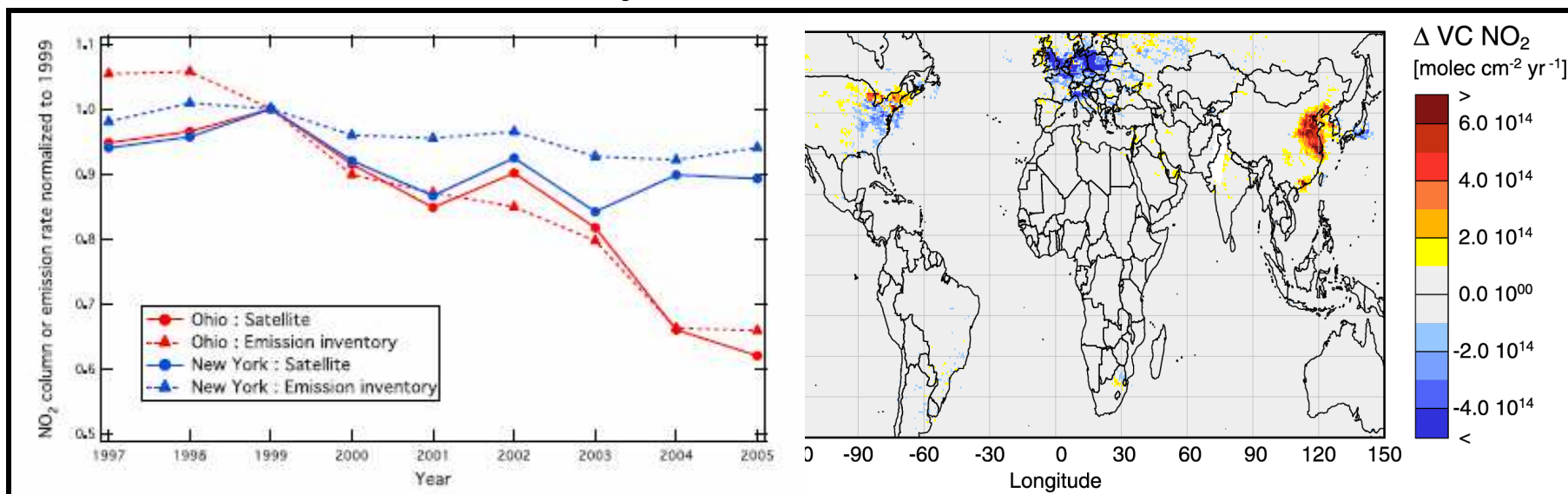


Figure 20. Left - superimposed Eastern U.S. emission and combined GOME and SCIAMACHY NO_2 1997-2002 trends (Kim et al., 2006); right - GOME NO_2 trends from 1995 – 2002 (after Richter, 2005). Clear evidence of reductions in midwest U.S. and European NO_x emissions, and increased NO_x generated in Eastern Asia.

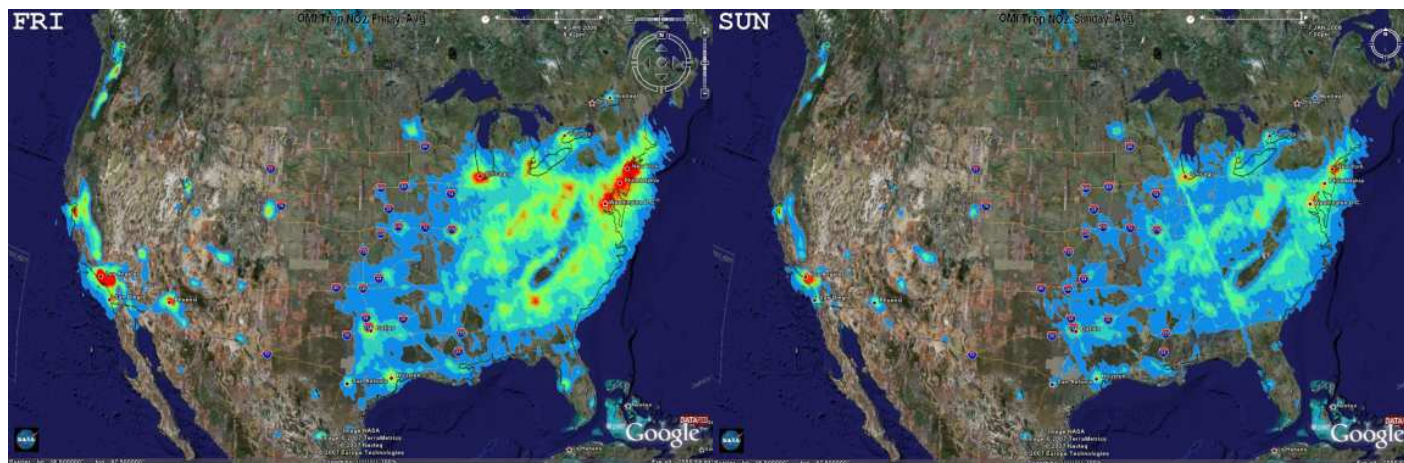
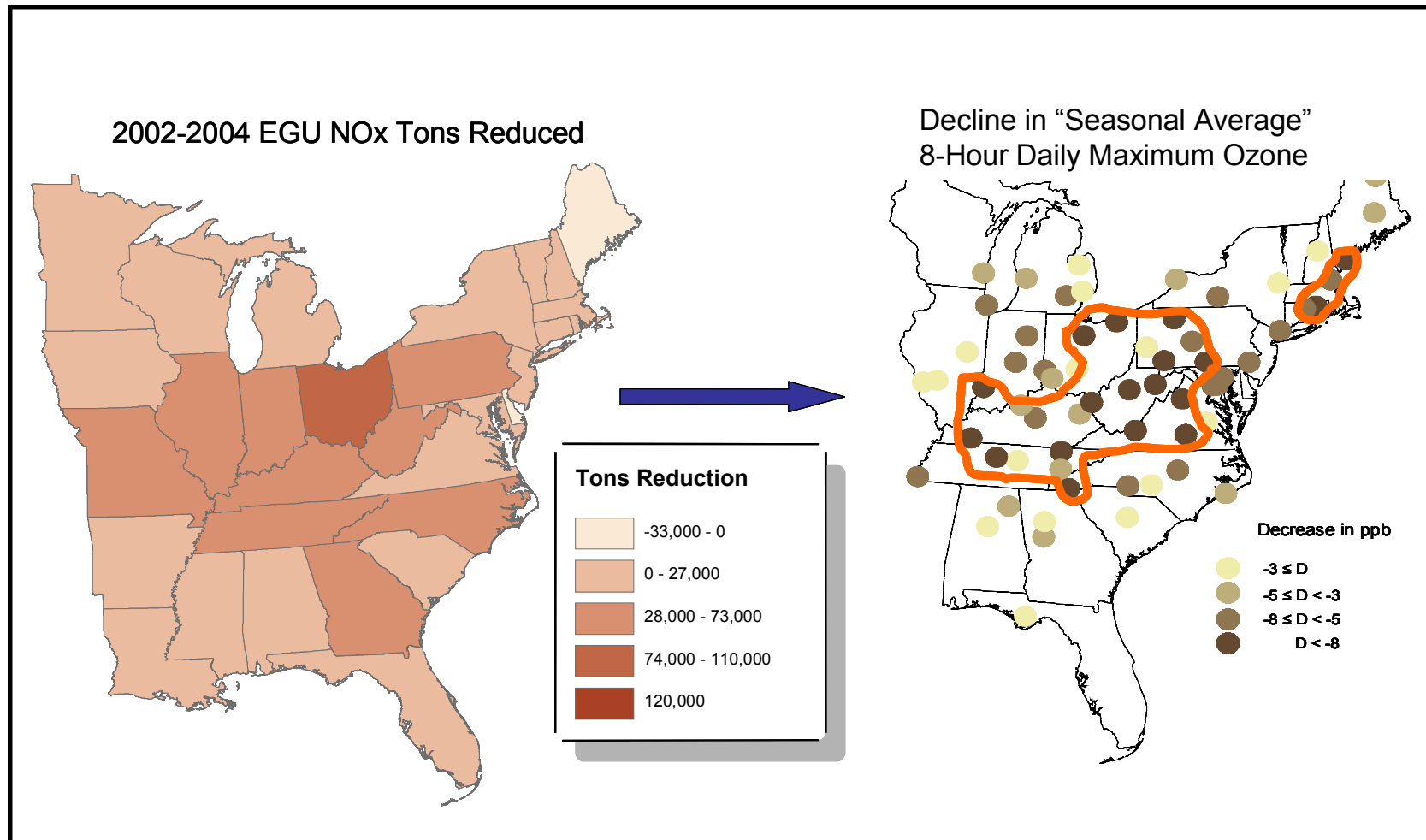


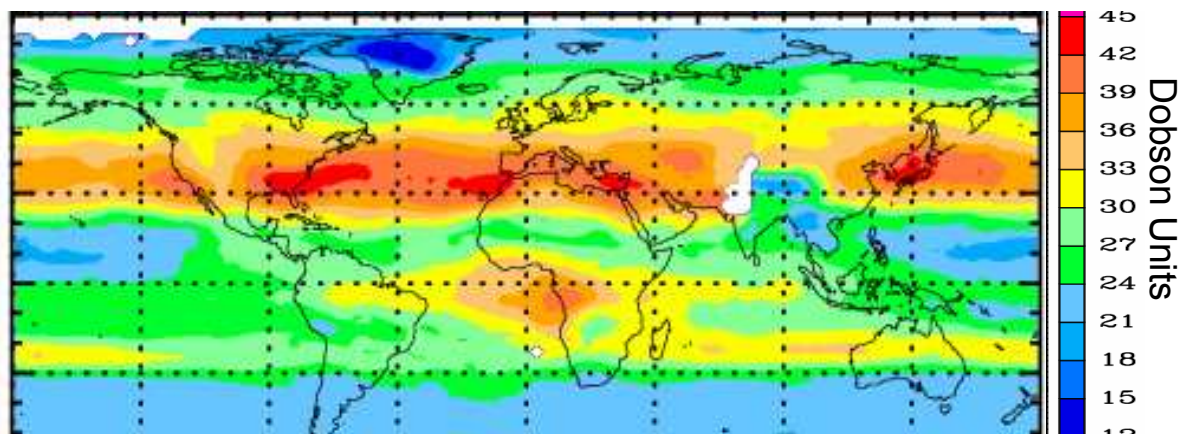
Figure 21. 2004 OMI NO_2 column images aggregated for all Fridays (left) and Sundays (right) indicating weekend/weekday patterns associated with reduced Sunday emissions (source, Husar).

EPA assessment of NO_x SIP CALL missing N measurements

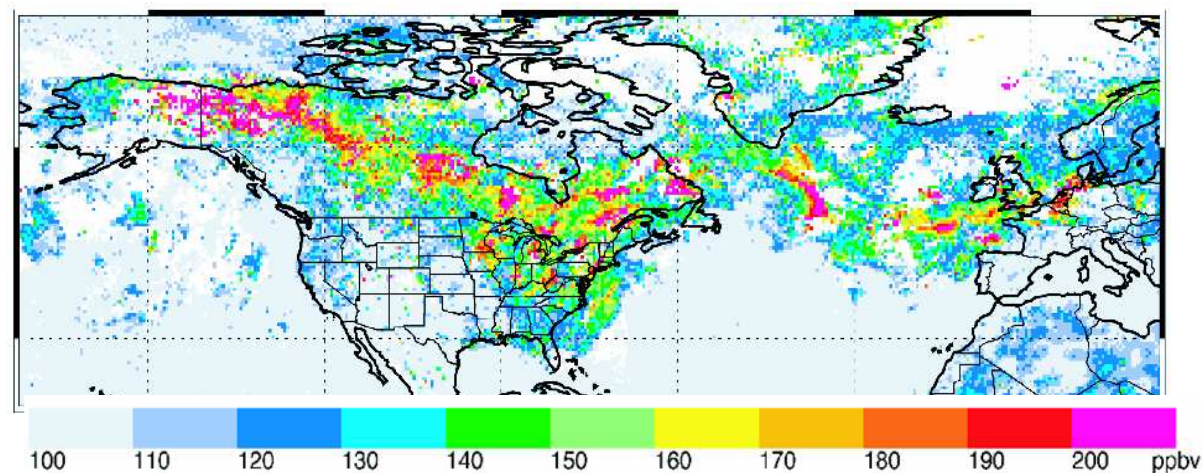


Transport Evidence from Satellites: Ozone, CO and NO₂

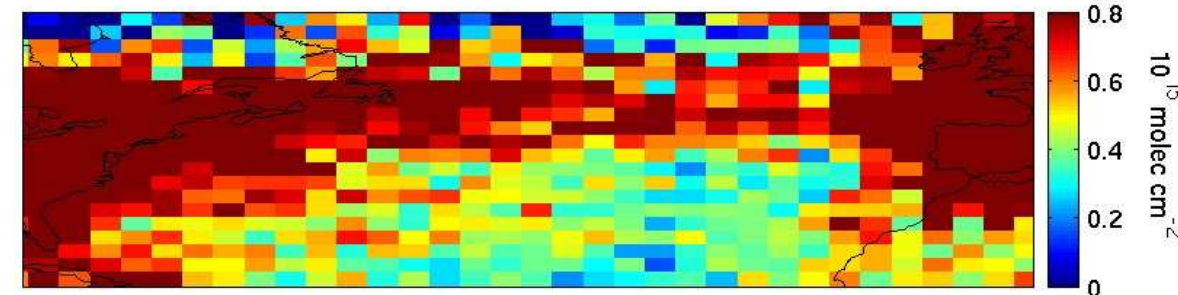
Tropospheric O₃
from GOME for
summer 1997
Liu et al., 2006



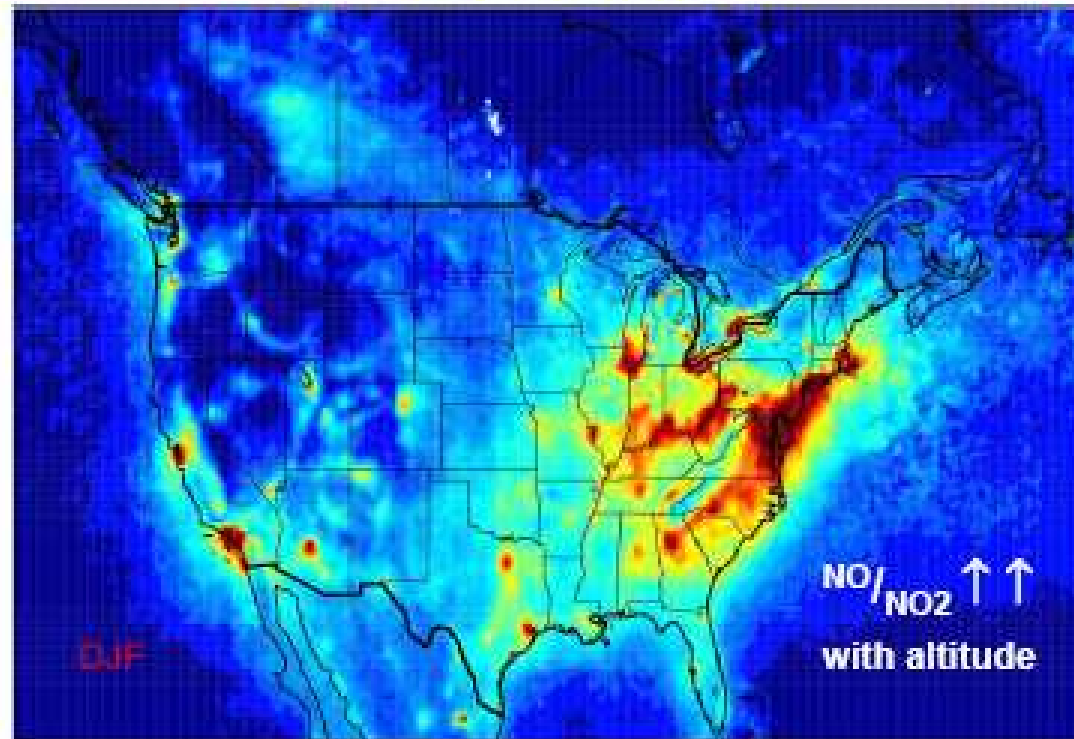
CO from MOPITT
for July 2004
Pfister et al., 2006



Tropospheric NO₂
from SCIAMACHY
for summer 2004
Martin et al., 2006



OMI Tropospheric NO₂ Column Proxy for Surface Concentration



trop. NO₂ column [10^{15} molec. cm⁻²]

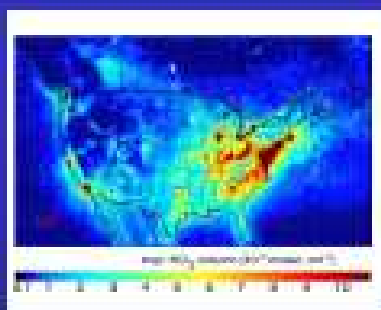


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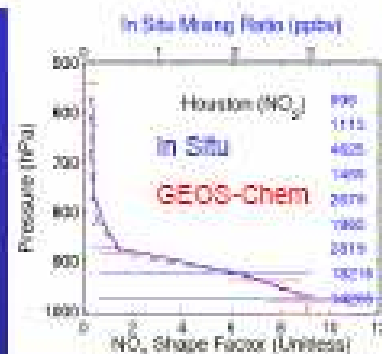
Inferring surface texture through modeled characteristics, R. Martin

Approach to Infer Surface NO₂ from OMI

OMI Tropospheric NO₂ Column

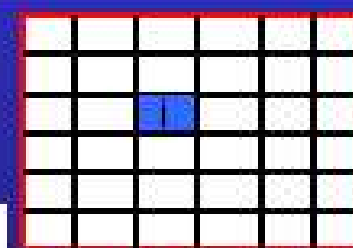


GEOS-Chem NO₂ Profile



OMI Local Information

$$\overline{\Omega}_{\text{OMI}} = \sum_i \Omega_{\text{OMI}}(i)$$



GEOS-Chem Grid

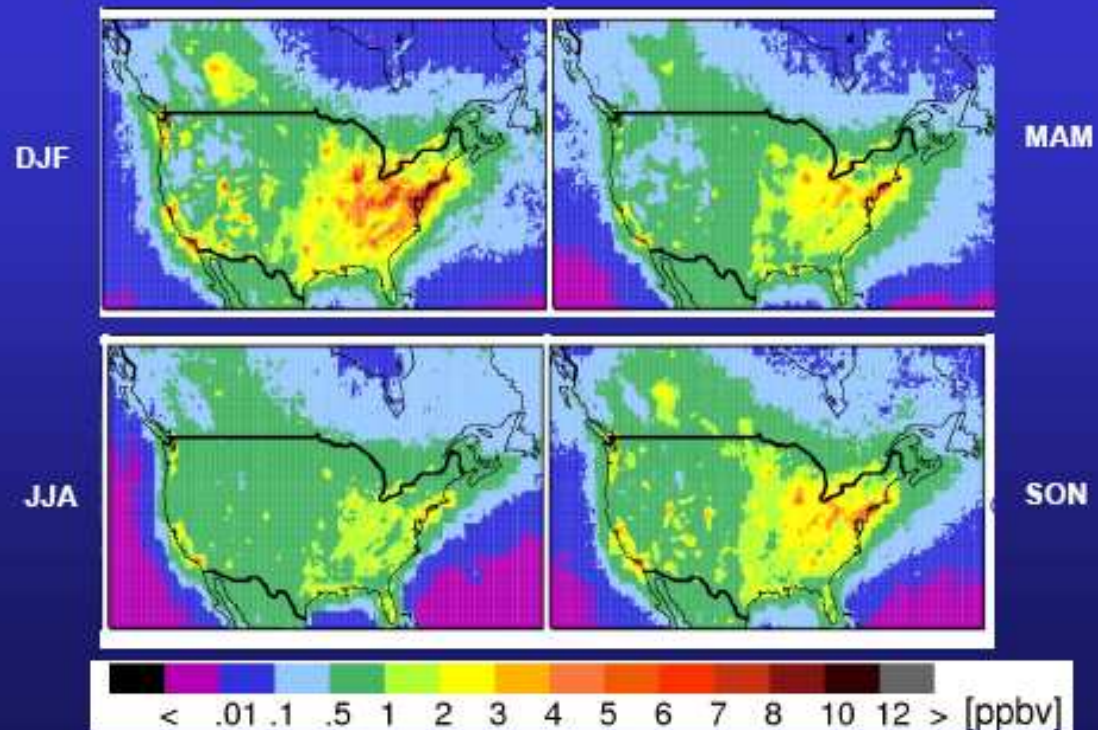
$$S_{\text{OMI}} = \Omega_{\text{OMI}}(i) \left[\frac{S_{\text{GEOS-Chem}} \left(\frac{\Omega_{\text{OMI}}(i)}{\overline{\Omega}_{\text{OMI}}} \right)}{\Omega_{\text{GEOS-Chem}} + \left(\Omega_{\text{OMI}}(i) - \overline{\Omega}_{\text{OMI}} \right)} \right]$$

S → Surface NO₂

Ω → Tropospheric NO₂ column

100% error in GEOS-Chem surface NO₂
 → < 10% error in derived surface NO₂
 in polluted areas

Surface NO₂ for 2005 Inferred from OMI (standard product)



(Courtesy, Randall Martin)

Satellite HCHO data...isoprene surrogate for natural emissions

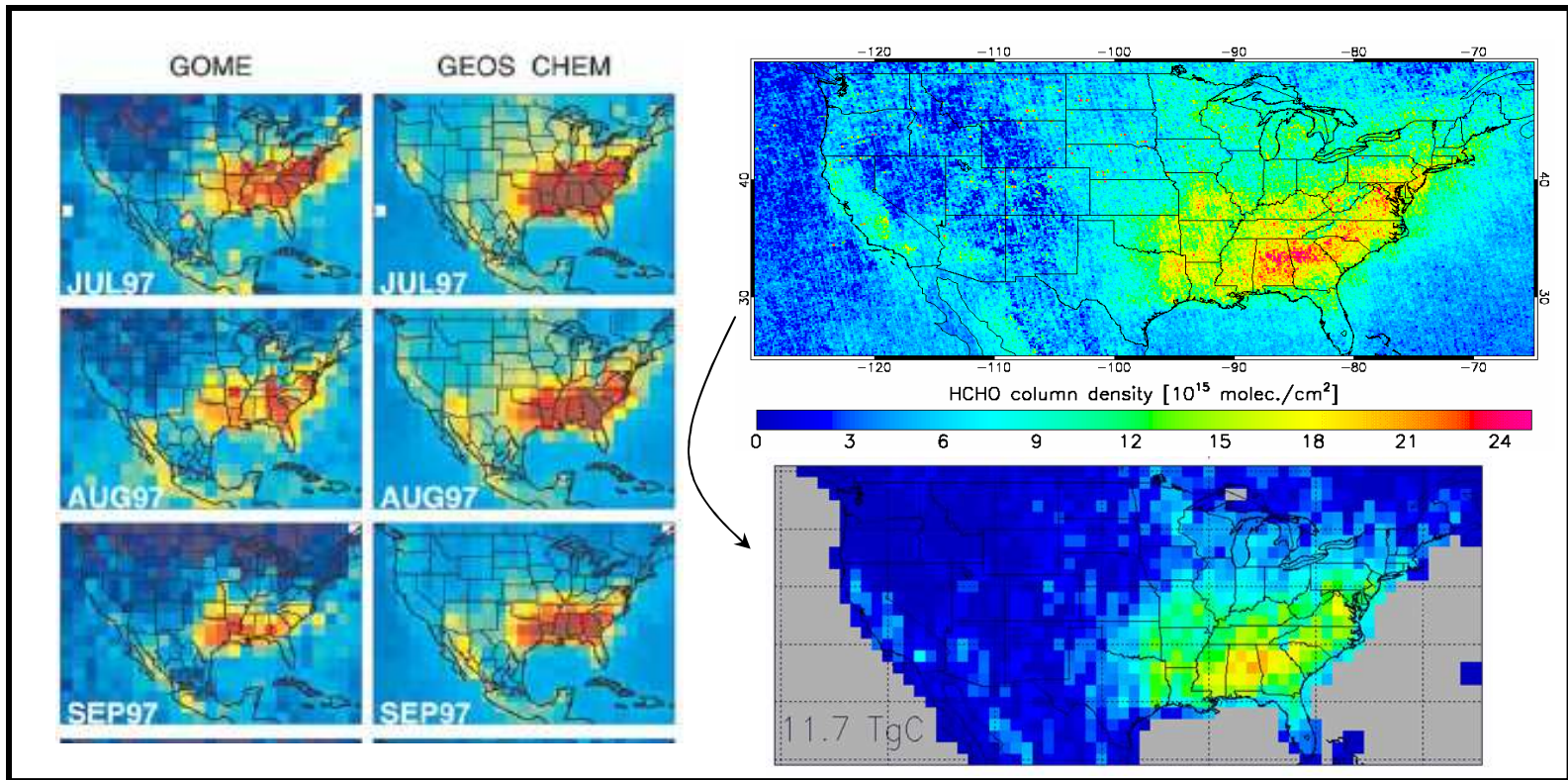


Figure 19. Left – Comparisons between GEOSchem global model and GOME derived formaldehyde fields (Abbott et al. 2003); Right – Summer 2006 OMI column HCHO and translation to isoprene emission estimates (Miller et al., 2007).

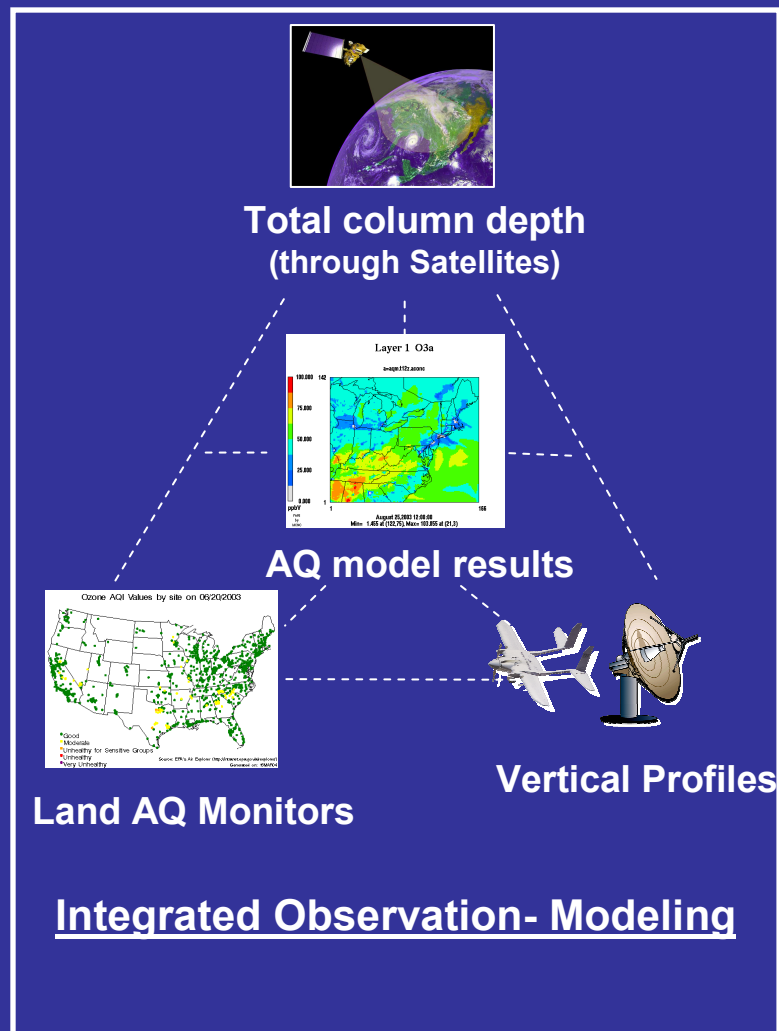
EXTRA_s

Start with....

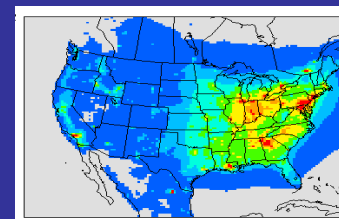
- A simple overarching goal or vision,
 - Strive for maximum and efficient AQ characterization in time, space and compositional terms
- the intersecting or common link between air programs and satellite data and integrated advanced systems

TGAS/Aerosol Satellite Measurements and Numerical Predictive Models

- Integration of systems to improve
 - air quality models for forecast
 - Current and
 - Retrospective assessments
- Global-Regional Air Quality Connections
- Climate-AQ connections



Optimized PM2.5, O3



Characterizations

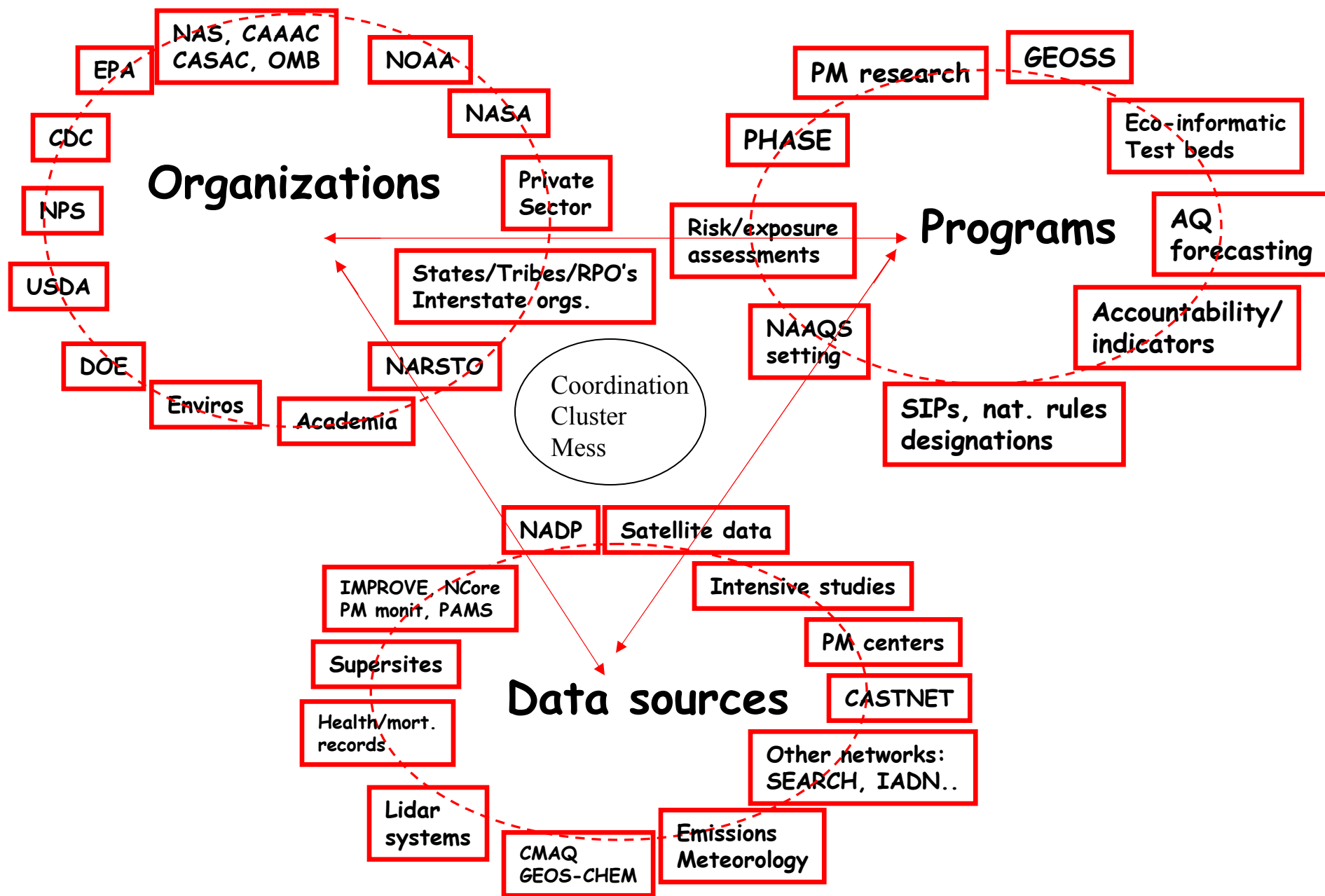
Health
Air management
ecosystems

Using “characterization” as a driver, ...consider

- Integration of observations and modeling logically is more critical than observations alone; might imply priority on
 - Inverse emissions generation
 - “data assimilation”
 - Observation gap filling an input to above
 - Lower expectations of replacing in-situ observations
- Vertical characterization severely neglected (most mass is well above the surface)
- NASA supported outreach providing conceptual pictures/models is a major contribution filling a gap
 - Smog blog
 - IDEA

How serious (re: partnerships) are agencies

- Technical collaboration is happening
- Opportunities remain/missed?
 - Ground surface complement to leverage total column data
 - NASA dedicated resources in linking column and vertical observations to surface data
 - EPA/States/USDA/USGS/DOI rest on established networks
 - Suggestions: in situ HCHO, trace gases (SO₂, CO, NO₂) to evaluate OMI
 - EPA Sustain Brewer UV network
 - Aggressive NH₃ and Hg monitoring (space complements not available)
 - Integrated multi-agency strategy development



Bridging atmospheric science-IT worlds

- EPA/NASA/NOAA IT systems
- US GEO role?
- Building the ESIP, DataFED concepts into a working system accessible and usable by the non expert community
 - Lessons from WMO/GAW, GEMS, GIOVANNI, VIEWS

Thank You!